THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Advantage of annuity system over toll based Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) projects is that Government makes deferred payments over a long period. The projects include maintenance and the Government has the right to collect user fees to earn revenue. The sustainability of such projects cannot be viewed in isolation but needs to be seen as complementing other options like budgetary funding, Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), BOT etc. A mix of options is being followed.

(c) No, Sir.

National Highways Development Project

2091. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of stretches of the National Highways Development Project for which the contracts have been awa. !cd so far;

(b) the length of each stretch and estimated amount;

(c) the amount at which contract for a stretch is awarded and what are the conditions the contractor has to observe; and

(d) out of the companies which have been awarded contracts, how many are Indian companies, foreign companies and joint ventures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) So far 99 contracts have been awarded for National Highways Development Project and other projects for a

total value of Rs. 11328 crore, covering a length of 3111 km. The details are as under:

	No. of Contracts	Estimated Amount (Rs, in crore)	Length (in km.)
(i) Golden Quadrilateral	55	8907	2382
(ii) North-South and East-West corridor	36	1868	562
(iii) Other	8	553	167
TOTAL	99	11328	3111

(c) and (d) Out of 99 contracts, 65 contracts have been awarded to Indian Companies, 9 contrcts to foreign companies and 25 contracts to joint ventures. The contractor is required to adhere to time and specified standards of quality, besides fulfilling other contractual conditions.

Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana

2092. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have collected more than Rs. 5000 crore under the "Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana" for maintenance of National Highways (NHs);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how much amount Government are likely to spend on NHs in Gujarat and Chhattisgarh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to the amount collected from cess on petrol and diesel which is credited to Central Road Fund. On an average about